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Dear Dr. Seglen:

I am writing to you in response to the petition dated February 21 which you and 16 other scientists and physicians addressed to President Carter concerning Sylvia Angelica Corazza of Argentina.

The Department of State has no information regarding Ms. Corazza. I have asked our Embassy in Buenos Aires to inquire about Ms. Corazza at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on human rights. As soon as any information becomes available, our Embassy will inform you.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Bruce Kiernan who is the director of the Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights--an arm of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Your support for the observance of human rights throughout the world is genuinely appreciated. You can be assured that the United States will continue to seek information about disappeared persons in Argentina and will continue efforts for improvement in the human rights situation in general.

Sincerely,

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